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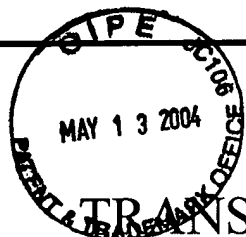
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- 1) Transmittal Form (1 pg.);
- 2) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs.);
- 3) Supplemental PTO Form 1449 (1 pg.);
- 4) Copies of cited references (B17-B19 and C2); and
- 5) a return receipt postcard.



TRANSMITTAL FORM

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. In accordance with the U.S. Patent Office's partial waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), only copies of the foreign patent documents and non-patent documents are enclosed.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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- (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **final action** or a **notice of allowance** under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, and
 - the requisite Statement is below, **OR**
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It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

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As required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), Applicant(s), through the undersigned, hereby state either that **[check the appropriate space only if either (2) or (3) is checked on the previous page and the Statement is required]**:

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	B19	58-215335	12/14/83	JP			Y	Y

OTHER ART, JOURNAL ARTICLES, ETC.

EXAM. INIT.	OTHER DOCUMENTS: (Including Author, Title, Date, Relevant Pages, Place of Publication)
	C2 0894514 A3 - European Search Report for European Patent Application EP 0894514 A2 (1/3/01)

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